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1. IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER THE PERUVIAN GUARDIA CIVIL (GC) MADE SEVERAL LARGE SEIZURES OF COCAINE PASTE TOTALLING OVER 600 KILOGRAMS.

2. IN LATE SPETEMBER, A GC INTELLIGENCE UNIT WORKING THE UCAYALI RIVER NORTH OF THE CITY OF PUCALLPA MADE SEVERAL SEIZURES TOTALLING 102.3 KILOGRAMS AND ARRESTED 14 PERUVIANS.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 26, THE GC IN IQUITOS FOUND 42.5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE PASTE IN AN ABANDONED BOAT, AND, UTLIZING INFOMATION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS IN THE BOAT, CONFISCATED AN ADDITIONAL 436 KILOGRAMS ON OCTOBER 4. BOTH SEIZURES WERE MADE ON THE UCAYALI RIVER SOUTH OF IQUITOS. THE TOTAL OF 479.0 KILOGRAMS MADE THIS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF 1981 AND THE LARGEST RIVER SEIZURE IN PERU'S HOSTORY. ARRESTED WERE 3 COLOMBIANS, 1 BRAZILIAN, AND 1 PERUVIAN.

4. ON OCTOBER 6, A GC DETECTOR DOG FOUND 50.5 KILOGRAMS OF COCINAE PASTE IN TWO UNACCOMPANIED SUITCASES IN THE LIMA AIRPORT. THIS WAS THE LARGEST SEIZURE RECORDED IN PERU BY DETECTOR DOGS. THE COCAINE PASTE WAS TO BE PUT ON A FLIGHT TO BOGOTA.

5. THE TOTAL OF THESE SEIZRUES IS 632 KILOGRAMS BRINGING THE GUARDIA CIVILS TOTAL FOR 1981 TO ABOUT 2,000 KILOGRAMS, NEARLY DOUBLE THE SEIZURES RECORDED FOR 1980. THIS INCREASE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO (1) INCREASED PATROLLING OF JUNGLE RIVERS BY GUARDIA UNITS ; (2) THE FORMATION OF THE RURAL PATROL UNIT (UMOPAR) AND A SPECIAL NARCOTICS UNIT WITHIN GC INTELLIGENCE; AND (3) EXPANDED WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DEA UNIT IN LIMA.

6. THE DESTINATION OF ALL THE COCAINE PASTE SEIZED IN THE ABOVE OPERATIONS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN COLOMBIA. THE SOURCE OF THE COCAINE PASTE IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT, BUT BASED ON THE LOCATION OF THE RIVER SEIZURES, THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY IS INDICATED AS THE SOURCE FOR SOME, AND PERHAPS ALL, OF THE PASTE. THE UCAYLI RIVER AND TRBUTARIES BETWEEN THE CITIES OF PUCALLPA AND IQUITOS HAS BEEN THE MOST FRUITFUL AREA FOR GC OPERATIONS THIS YEAR, WITH TOTAL SEIZURES ON THE RIVER AMOUNINTG TO ABOUT 1,000 KILOGRAMS.
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